

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE

Story activities



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ABOUT THIS PRODUCT

Giraffes can't Dance Story Activities Book Companion

Are you teaching animals to your ESL students? Do your learners struggle with their perseverance? In this resource, you'll find lots of ready-to-go activities for students to work on literacy as well as activities that promote values like determination, self-confidence and risk-taking.

Who is this for?

ESL learners and elementary, primary students.

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WARM UP ACTIVITIES

These are some activities you can do with your students to introduce the story. Choose the one that is most suitable for your learners.

Warm up Discussion: Do you like giraffes? Can you describe them physically? What can giraffes do?

Interesting Facts about Giraffes:

- They are the tallest mammals in the world.
- They sleep standing up.
- They don't sleep much. They sleep between 10 minutes and 2 hours.
- They are unique. All giraffes have different spots.
- Giraffes' tongues are very big!
- They can run very fast!
- They live for about 25 years.

Charades: Play charades with the following animals: warthogs, rhinos, giraffes, lions, chimps, baboons, lions, cricket. What do all these animals have in common? They live in Africa.

Guessing Game: Ask students to choose one of these animals : giraffes, crickets. lions, warthogs, chimps, baboons, rhinos. Then, tell them not to tell anyone about their animal. Classmates should ask him/her 10 yes/no questions to guess what the animal is.

WHILE READING ACTIVITIES

Vocabulary

As you read, explain difficult words as they come up.

Interaction with students

Stop briefly to ask questions about some of the illustrations. What do you see in this picture? Can you describe Gerald? How does Gerald feel? What animals can you see in the picture? What are they doing? How are they feeling?

What happens next?

Ask students to guess what will happen in the story. What will (the character) do next? The cricket gives Gerald some advice about music. Do you think the advice will help Gerald become a better dancer? Why or why not? Can you guess the ending? Were your predictions correct?

Critical Thinking

Why did the animals change their attitude when they saw Gerald dancing? What important lesson does Gerald share at the end of the story?

AFTER READING ACTIVITIES

Quiz Your Classmates

Ask your students to write 3 questions about the story, once they have them ready, tell them to make groups of 4 and then they can ask those questions to each other.

Text To Self Questions

1. What does this story remind me of?

This story reminds me of when ...

2. How is my life similar/different to (character/event)?

I relate to (character/event) because ...

3. What were my feelings when I read this?

As I read this story, I felt ...

4. How do I relate to (character)?

If I was (character), I would ...

Vocabulary Game

On my YouTube channel, you can find a vocabulary quiz with words related to the story. Click on the link below!

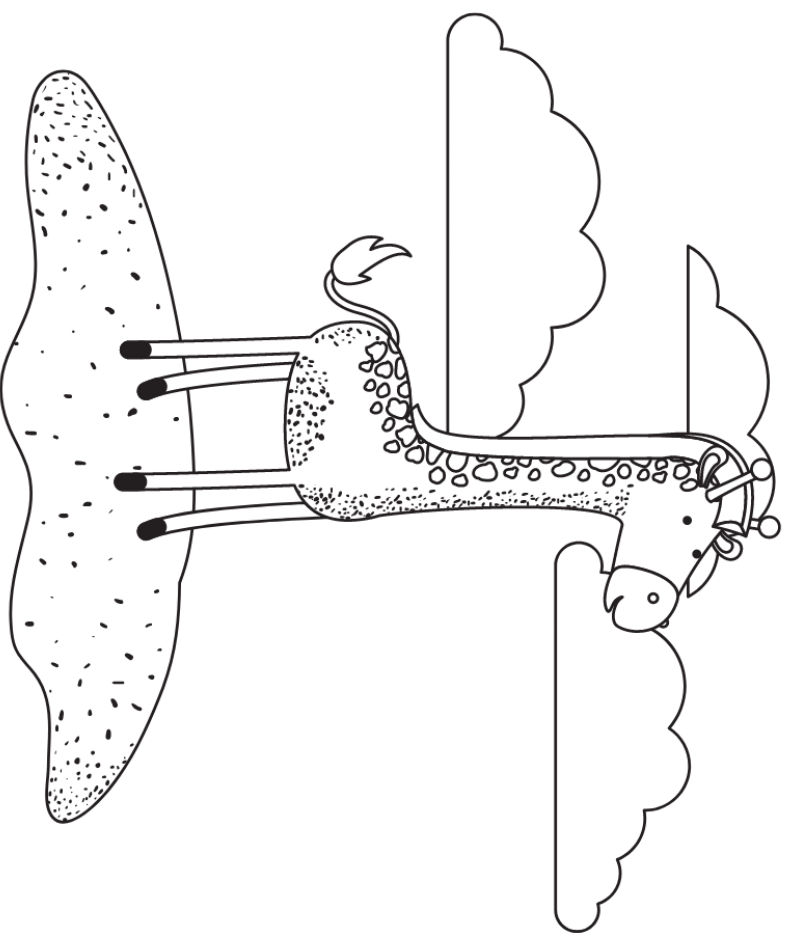
[Giraffes can't dance Vocabulary Quiz](#)

Book Report

On the following pages you have a book report for students to complete after reading this book.

The Book Report will help learners to remember the most important points from the reading and reflect on the message of the story.

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BOOK REPORT



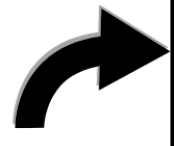
STORY SEQUENCE

BEGINNING



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MY FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY



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STORY SEQUENCE

END



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STORY ELEMENTS

SETTING

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CHARACTERS

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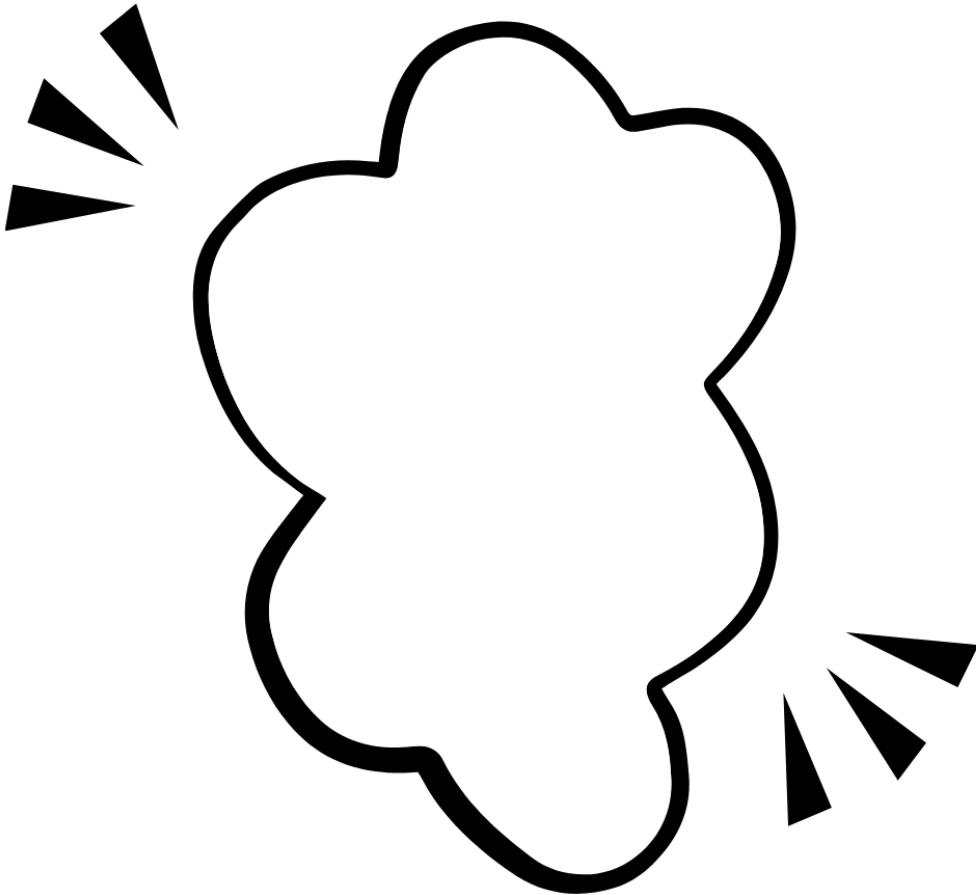
STORY SEQUENCE



MIDDLE

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STORY MESSAGE

Writing Activity

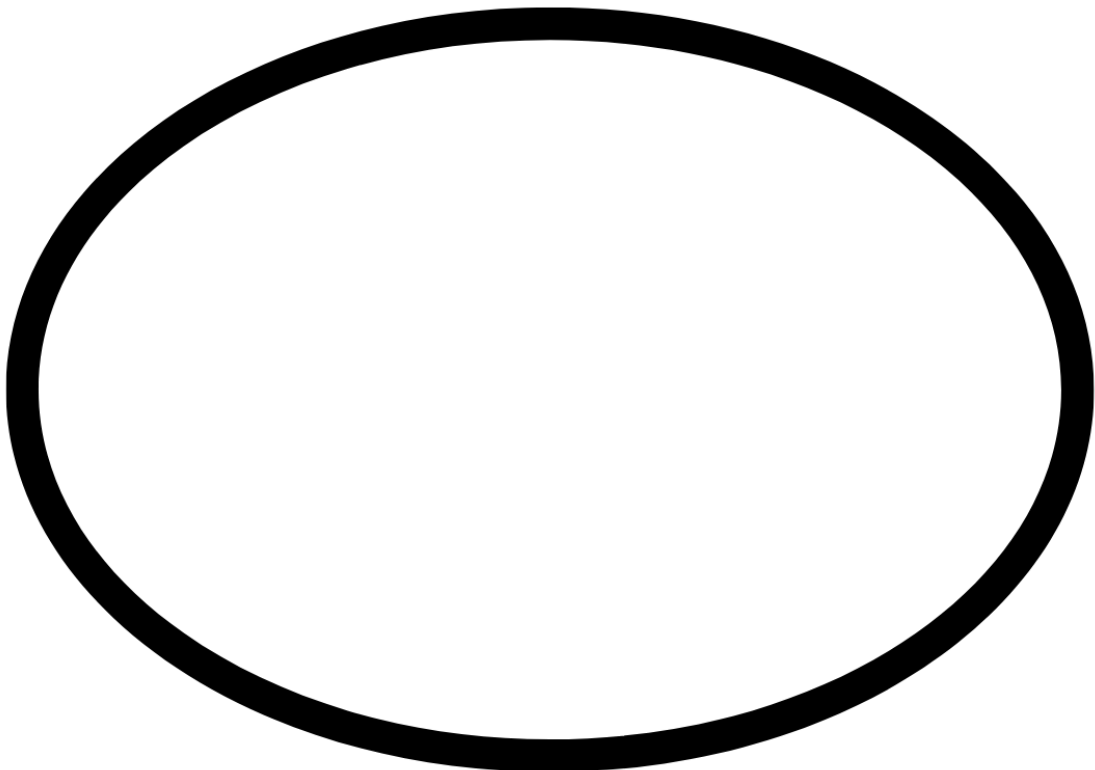
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THEN DRAW

What are you good at? What are you not so good at? Does it matter if you are not good at something but you enjoy doing it?

I am good at _____

I'm not so good at _____

I can improve if I _____



ALL ABOUT GIRAFFES

Before Reading

What do you know about giraffes?

What are you wondering about giraffes?

Read about Giraffes and Answer the Questions

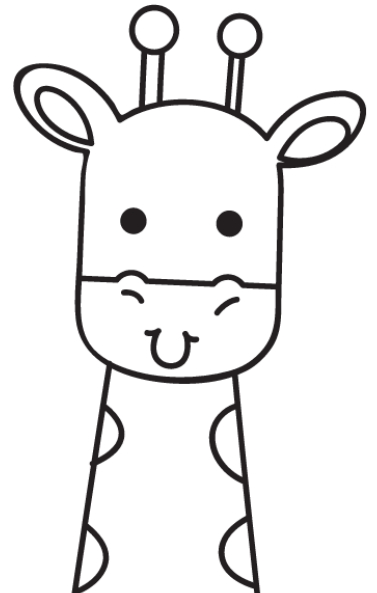
This beautiful animal has got a super long neck and towering height. Giraffes are the tallest mammal and the 3rd heaviest animal in the world, after Elephants and Rhinos.

Giraffes live in Africa, they like dry and hot climates. They spend most of their time eating leaves and shoots. They don't drink much water because they are able to use water from the plants they eat.

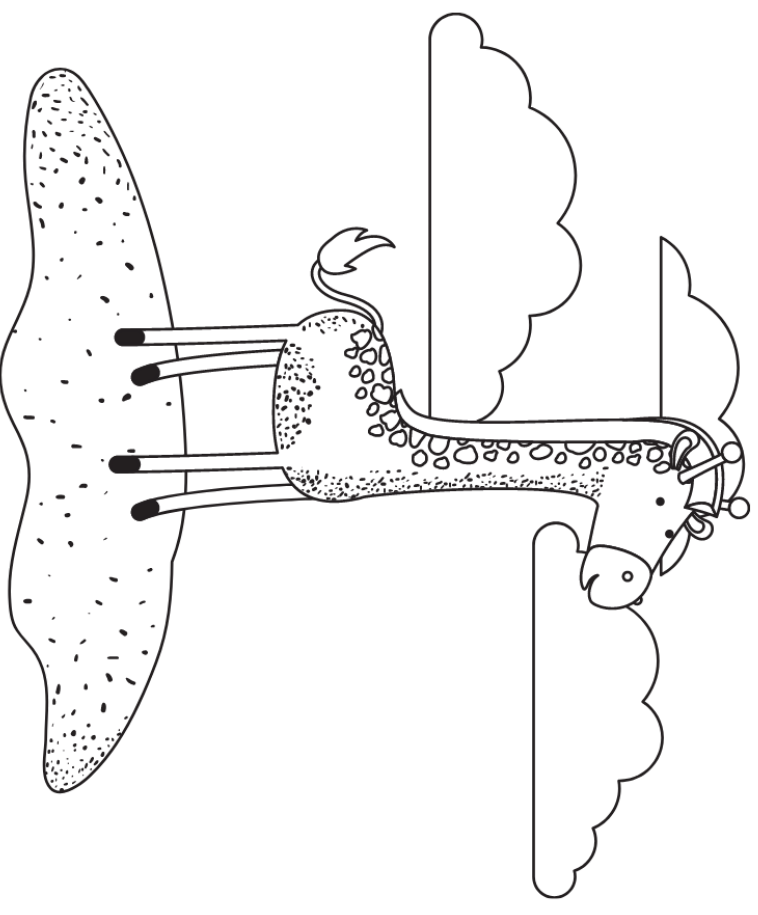
Giraffes have long legs and long tails. They run fast because their legs are strong! The spots on a giraffe are very distinctive, and look like human fingerprints. No two giraffes have the same set of spots.

Certain kinds of giraffes are now at danger of becoming extinct because of habitat loss and poaching.

- a) Where do giraffes live?
- b) What do they eat?
- c) Are they heavy animals?
- d) Are they good runners?
- e) Have they got short tails?
- f) What is special about their spots?
- g) Why are they endangered?



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BOOK REPORT WITH
ANSWERS



STORY SEQUENCE

BEGINNING



**Gerald is a tall, clumsy giraffe.
He wants to join the annual
Jungle Dance . The other
animals laugh at him, because
they know he can't dance.**

MY FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY



Student's own answer



STORY SEQUENCE

END



All the animals gather to watch Gerald dance. He tells them that everyone can dance when they find music that they love.

STORY ELEMENTS

SETTING

The jungle. Africa.

CHARACTERS

***Gerald, the cricket.
Lions, giraffes, elephants, hippos,
chimps, zebras, baboons, rhinos,
warthogs, hyenas.***

STORY SEQUENCE



MIDDLE

**He meets a cricket that gives
Gerald support and plays the
violin for him. Gerald likes the
music and dances.**

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**Don't be afraid to be who you are.
Accept everyone.
We are all different.
We are all special.
Everyone can dance.**



STORY MESSAGE



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